क्षमता 1500 मेगावाट थी ।

(घ) वाणिज्यिक रूप से काम कर रहे न्यूक्लियर पावर कॉरपोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड के परमाणु विद्युत संयंत्रों का वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान समग्र क्षमता गुणक 55 प्रतिशत था जबकि पिछले वर्ष अर्थात 1991-92 के दौरान यह 51 प्रतिशत था ।

**Tests of Radio Activity Conducted by B. A. R. C.**

4157. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Pokharan nuclear site has been deserted by the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the nuclear site was protected by barbed wire fence from encroachment by animals and nearby villagers;

(c) when the B. A. R. C. conducted last tests on the site about radioactivity level; if so, what was the finding thereof;

(d) whether B. A. R. C. would conduct immediately radioactivity test on the site to find out the level of radioactivity;

(e) whether Government would instruct the concerned to conduct complete medical check up of all inhabitants of nearby villages; and

(f) if the answer to part (e) above be in the negative, what other steps are proposed to be taken by Government to protect the health of the villagers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre has been keeping the place under surveillance by periodically monitoring the environment.

(c) The latest measurements carried out in June-July 1993 have not shown any increase in the radioactivity levels in the environment around the Pokharan site.

(d) The present practice of periodic monitoring of the environment around the site will continue.

(e) and (f) In view of (c & d) above, the question of any effect on the health of the surrounding population as a result of the experiment does not arise and there is no need for any special medical check up of the inhabitants in the nearby villages.

**Discovery of Uranium in Bihar**

4158 SHRI R. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that rich diposits of Uranium have been discovered in various parts of Bihar in the recent past;

(b) if so, what are the datails thereof;

(c) whether Uranium production has started at such places;

(d) if so, what are the datails thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when Government propose to start the Uranium production in Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) Uranium is produced from Jaduguda and Bhatin Mines, Bihar by Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL) since 1967 and 1980 respectively.

**Withdrawal of Tata Companies from HPC**

@4159. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV :
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Tata Tea and Tata Chemicals, which are co-promoters of Haldia Petro-Chemicals Project (HPC) have withdrawn from the HPC;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such withdrawal by those two companies;

(c) whether other companies of Tata's group will take the place of these two withdrawing companies so that Tata's Commitment to HPC is fulfilled;

(d) to what extent the implementation of HPC would be further delayed due to withdrawal by the Tata Companies under question; and

(e) what is the original and revised target dates of completion of HPC and the initial and revised cost estimates of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC), these companies withdraw purely on internal corporate decision of Tata Group.

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